HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 182 By Winningham

A RESOLUTION urging the U.S. Congress to continue funding of U.S. Department of Education programs targeted for elimination in Fiscal Year 2006.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee stand firmly committed to promoting the education and academic success of our youth, in their preparation as America's future work force, thus enabling them to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to support every effort to provide opportunities for academic excellence in Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, a number of the U.S. Department of Education's programs of Fiscal Year 2005 as previously authorized by law have proved to be highly successful in Tennessee, helping thousands of students across the entire state; and

WHEREAS, the Department's education programs have offered Tennessee students opportunities for improvement in core academic subjects, educational development, and overall academic enrichment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby urge the United States Congress to continue to fund the many education programs targeted for elimination, such as vocational and technical education, state grants under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities program, education technology, adult education, and arts education, in President Bush's Fiscal Year 2006 budget request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the Tennessee Congressional delegation, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, and President George W. Bush.